

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Cor. of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Major Myers, Chief of the Signal Corps, was yesterday relieved from duty here, and ordered to proceed forthwith to Memphis, Tennessee, and from there to report by letter to the Adjutant General for farther orders. It is said that the expenses of the Signal Corps have grown to five thousand dollars per day. The ordering of Major Myers to Memphis is believed to be a mark of condemnation upon his management. He joins in exile Gens. Meigs, Ripley, Hammond, Thomas, Taylor and Col. Beckwith, and about one hundred other lesser lights, of whom it is said there is no law by which they can be dismissed from the service. Rumor says there are three more noted individuals who will shortly follow suit.

Major General Meade came up yesterday.—He has had several long interviews with the President.

The slow process of recruiting under the present system will probably lead to a modification by the next Congress, in the matter of paying the bounty to enlisted men, by dividing the bounty into monthly payments during the term of enlistment, which will make the monthly pay of the soldier twenty-five or 30 dollars.

The subject of re-enlisting for three years, or during the war, is engaging the attention of the old regiments now in the Army of the Potomac, and favorable reports continue to be received of the willingness of these soldiers to re-enlist. In the Third Army Corps it has been ascertained that sixteen regiments have agreed to re-enlist, in consideration of retaining their present organization. Five regiments, whose ranks have been greatly reduced by the casualties of war, have agreed to re-enlist, and be consolidated as one full regiment. Six other regiments in same corps are willing to re-enlist as mounted infantry.

Notice has been given that twenty four tracts of land, situated on Hilton Head Island, St. Luke's Parish, Beaufort District, South Carolina, will be sold at public sale, at Port Royal, Hilton Head Island, on 1st December next, for non-payment of taxes which have become due under the provision of the "act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts." The tracts range in size from four hundred to two thousand acres each, and a valuation has been fixed upon each ranging from \$1600 to \$8000. The sale is made under the authority of the Direct Tax Commissioners for the District of South Carolina, A. D. Smith, W. E. Wording, Wm. Henry Brisbane, who have also given notice that a sale of all the real estate and improvements in the town of Beaufort, S. C., with some few exceptions, will take place on January 18, 1864, for non-payment of taxes under the act mentioned. These tracts comprise some valuable sea island properties.

## DIED.

In Fairfax county, Virginia, on the evening of the 11th instant, Mrs. SARAH BALL, aged 74 years, relict of the late William Ball. She was a lady of most exemplary worth, and the intelligence of her death will carry a pang to the bosoms of her many relatives, admirers, and friends.

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E. O. NORTON, Agent.

Washington, Oct 21—1y

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## CAPTURED CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Among the papers recently captured in the blockade runners Robt. E. Lee, the Cornubis and the Ella and Anna, is a letter from E. De Leon, a Confederate agent, addressed to Mr. Davis, dated Paris, October 1st, 1863, from which the following sentences are abstracted:

"It is useless to disguise the fact that the men around you do not inspire confidence.—A chaos would soon come were your hold withdrawn from the helm. Military ability of the highest order our revolution has produced, but of diplomatic talent it has been most singularly barren. There has been, and is to-day, as little real intention of speedy recognition by France as by England. That we may be made a pawn in the Mexican game I think very probable; but the detected intrigue in Texas, Mr. B's denunciation of which was intercepted and published in New York and English papers, does not inspire confidence in that very astute gentleman, who is now an arbiter of Southern and Mexican destinies—the retention of Mr. Mann in Belgium not being remembered by the public.—Judge Rost, who is here now, entirely concurs in my views, and he adds further, that Mr. Dayton declares he has never had any complaint from Washington regarding French intervention in Mexico. If Seward, therefore, acknowledge Maximilian's Empire, the ground on which our action seems to have been predicated, is cut away from under our feet. We are all groping in the dark at this moment—God grant that I may be unduly suspicious and distrustful, and that we may get more substantial aid and comfort from Napoleon than I either hope or expect."

In another part of this letter De Leon says: "I am working hard and incessantly, personally, and by proxy, and am enlarging the sphere of my operations for the exigencies of the hour demanded. France wants money liberally and not figuratively; they are a far more mercenary race than the English, and we must buy golden opinions from them if at all."

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JOHN H. BRENT.

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## FROM TEXAS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Herald has advices from Gen. Banks' expedition up to the afternoon of the 4th inst.

The expedition landed safely on the Texas shore of the Rio Grande, after losing one or two vessels in "a norther," but no lives.

A boat's crew and seven soldiers were, however drowned while disembarking.

The Confederates evacuated Fort Brown, after setting fire to the works at that place.

Brownsville was also set on fire by a few Confederate cavalry, but the Union men turned out to extinguish the flames, when the Confederate cavalry were joined by the secessionists in the town, and a terrific street fight took place, as the houses were burning round the combatants.

The 15th Maine regiment was immediately ordered to march on the place.

A Maine regiment was the first to land on the Texas shore, and an Iowa regiment almost immediately after; their regimental flags being hoisted almost simultaneously.

On Saturday night, and yesterday morning, there was a heavy fall of rain, accompanied at one time with sharp lightning and loud thunder.

Several houses in the upper part of the town were entered by thieves last week, and various articles stolen therefrom.

The burial ground of the Catholic Church is to be enlarged by the addition of two adjoining acres, on the south and east sides.

Among the Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout, who have recently died there, was young Mr. Packard, son of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Packard, of this place.

The Massachusetts Legislature has passed a bill making the pay of the negro regiments mustered into the service from that State equal to that of the white troops.

Last advices report affairs in St Domingo remain unchanged. The rebels are at the very door of the capital."

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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